WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Radiation leakage in computerised Tomography Body Scanner installed at AIIMS

*365. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of recent reports in the press that the CT (Computerised Tomography) body scanner installed at the Radio Diagnosis Department of the AIIMS has been leaking high risk radiations posing threat to the staff on duty; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey report submitted by an Additional Professor of Radiation Medicine and Radiation Safety Officer of the AIIMS after publication of the press report, reveals that the radiation levels are within acceptable limits and that there is no evidence of radiation leak from the X-ray tube.

Electronics Production in the Country

*366. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what percentage the indigenous new generation consumer electronic products would consitute in the record (anticipated) electronics production in the year 1988-89 and 1989-90 as claimed by the Chairman of the Electronic Research and Development Centre (ER and DC);

(b) what is the contribution of indigenous R and D for such record production; and

(c) what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) The share of consumer elctronics in 1988-89, out of a total targeted electronics production of Rs. 70850 million is estimated to be Rs. 25500 million, amounting to 36%. A similar pattern of growth of consumer electronics is expecteted during 1989-90 also.

(b) and (c) Design for Radios, Tape Recorders/Two-in-Ones, Black & White TV Sets, Electronic Clocks, etc. have been developed based on local components, resulting in a very low import content of less than 5% . Similar efforts are under way in the field of Colour TV Sets also.

Indian Air Force Centre in Assam

*367. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Indian Air Force Centre functioning in Assam at present;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to set up such a Centre in any district of Assam; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.